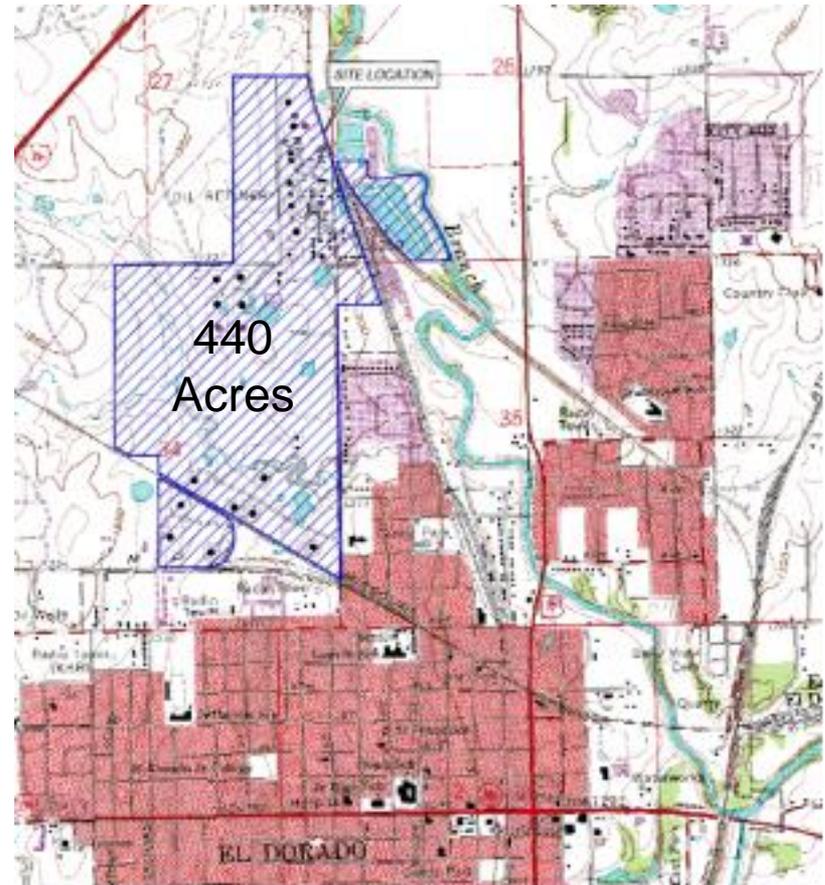


# Reclaiming the Former Coastal Refinery El Dorado, Kansas



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# Location



**Late 1980's**



# Site Use History

- **Refinery Built: 1917**
- **Fina Oil and Chemical Company: 1950s-1977**
- **Pester Refining Company: 1977-1985**
- **Coastal Refining Company: 1986-2001**
  - Petroleum refining operations ceased in 1993
- **El Paso Bought Coastal: 2001**
  - Asphalt blending operations until 2004
- **Kinder Morgan Bought El Paso: 2012**

# 2004 Challenges

- Prior slow progress toward remediation
- Community eye-sore / brownfield
- Full pipes, equipment, & ponds – process wastes
- Petroleum seeps discharging to a river on east side
- Asphalt pit and piles on the west side
- Tar spring in the Main Process Area (MPA)
- Long operational history
- Site Investigation (SI) gaps

# Strategy – The Usual Process

- Phase I: Demolition, Seep Interceptor Trench (as IRM) and Site Investigation (SI)
- Phase II: Complete site-specific Risk Assessment (RA)
- Phase III: Corrective Action Study (CAS)
- Phase IV: Corrective Action Decision (CAD) and Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
- Phase V: Implement All/Long-Term Remedies

# Demolition 2004-2006



# Post-Demolition



2009/05/06

# Post-Demolition



2009/05/06

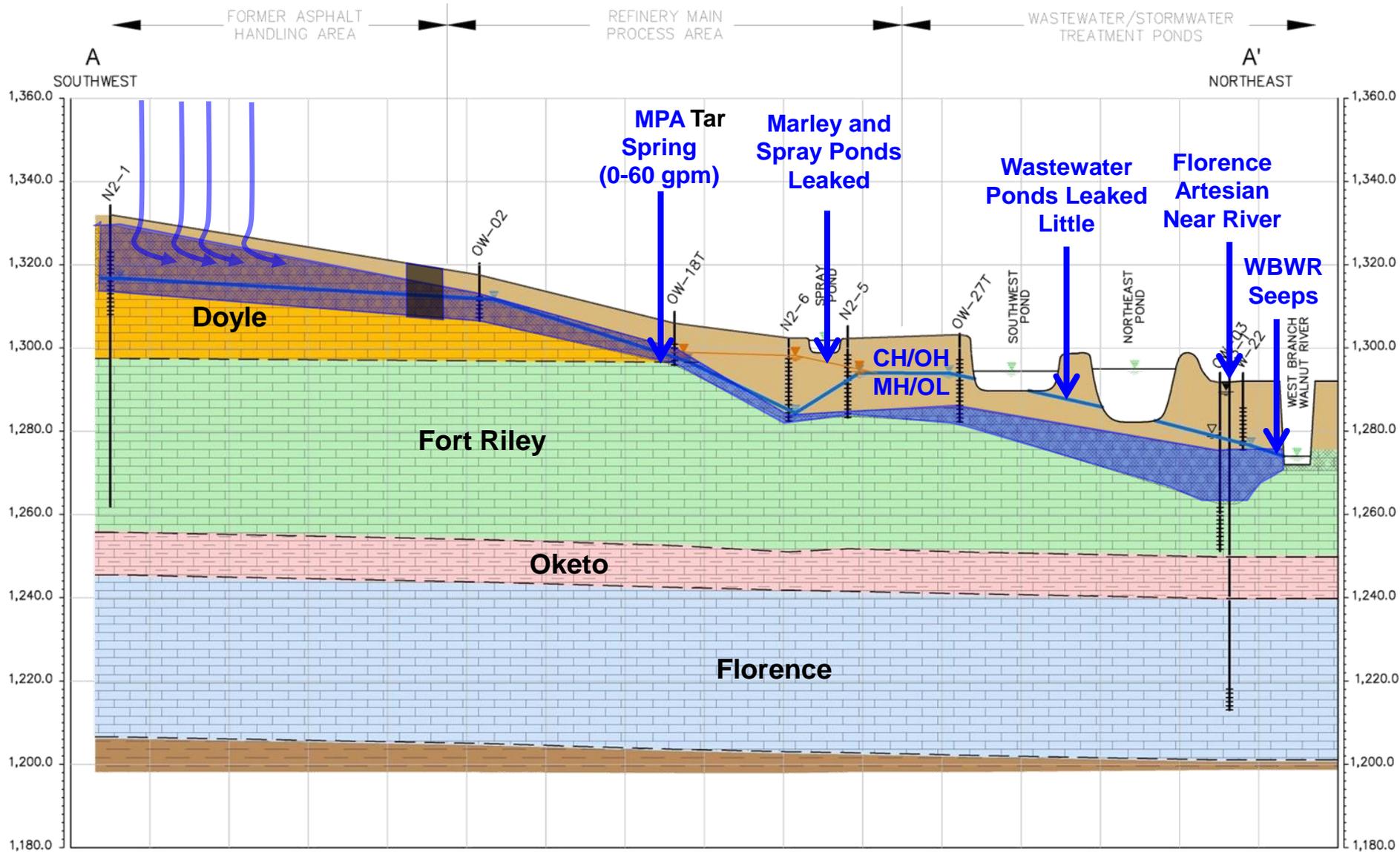


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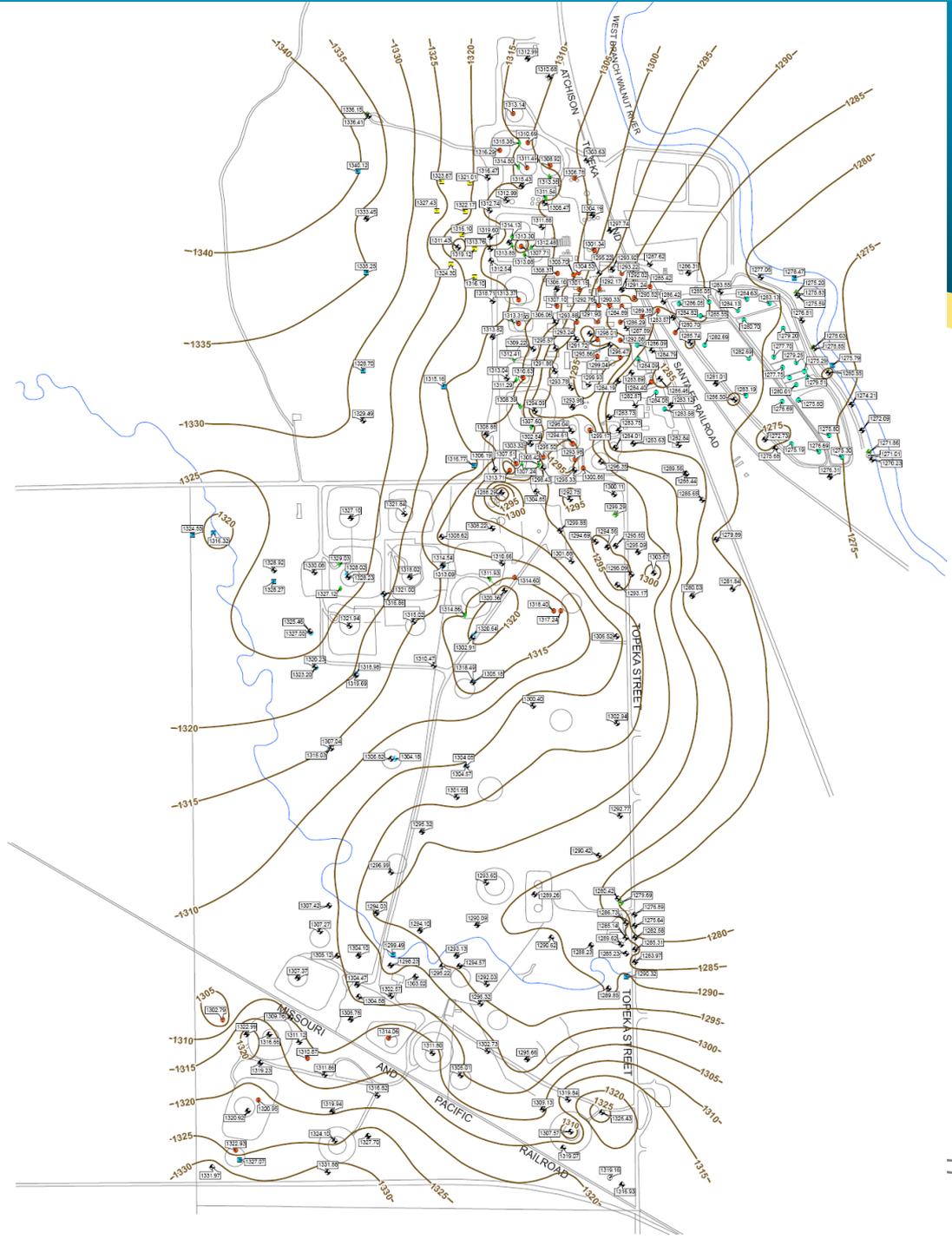
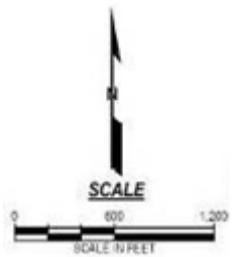
**Phase III Site Investigation (SI)  
& Conceptual Site Model (CSM)**



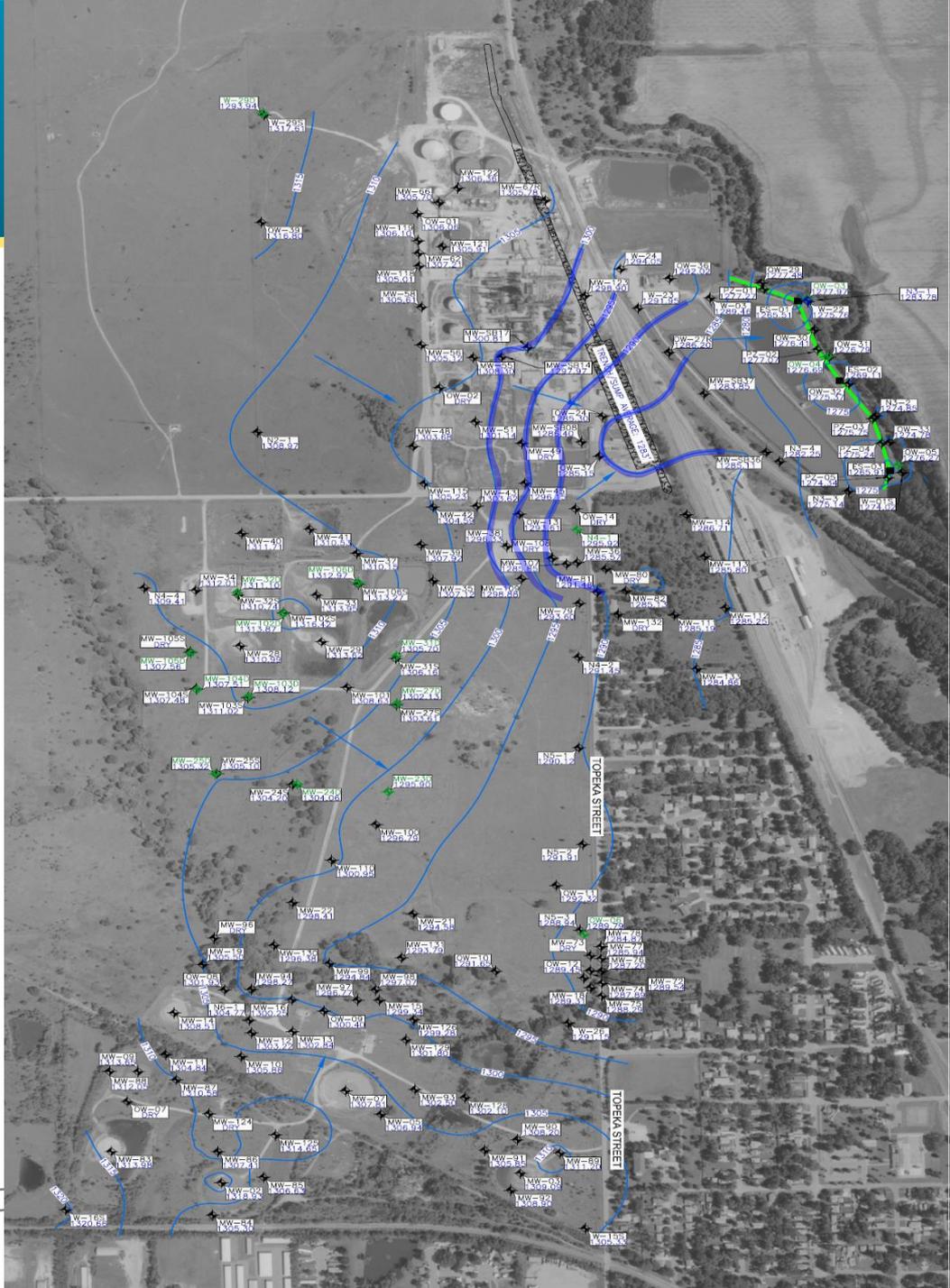
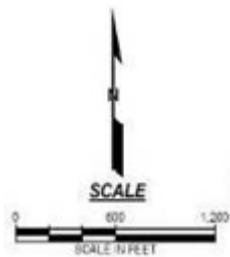
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# Bedrock



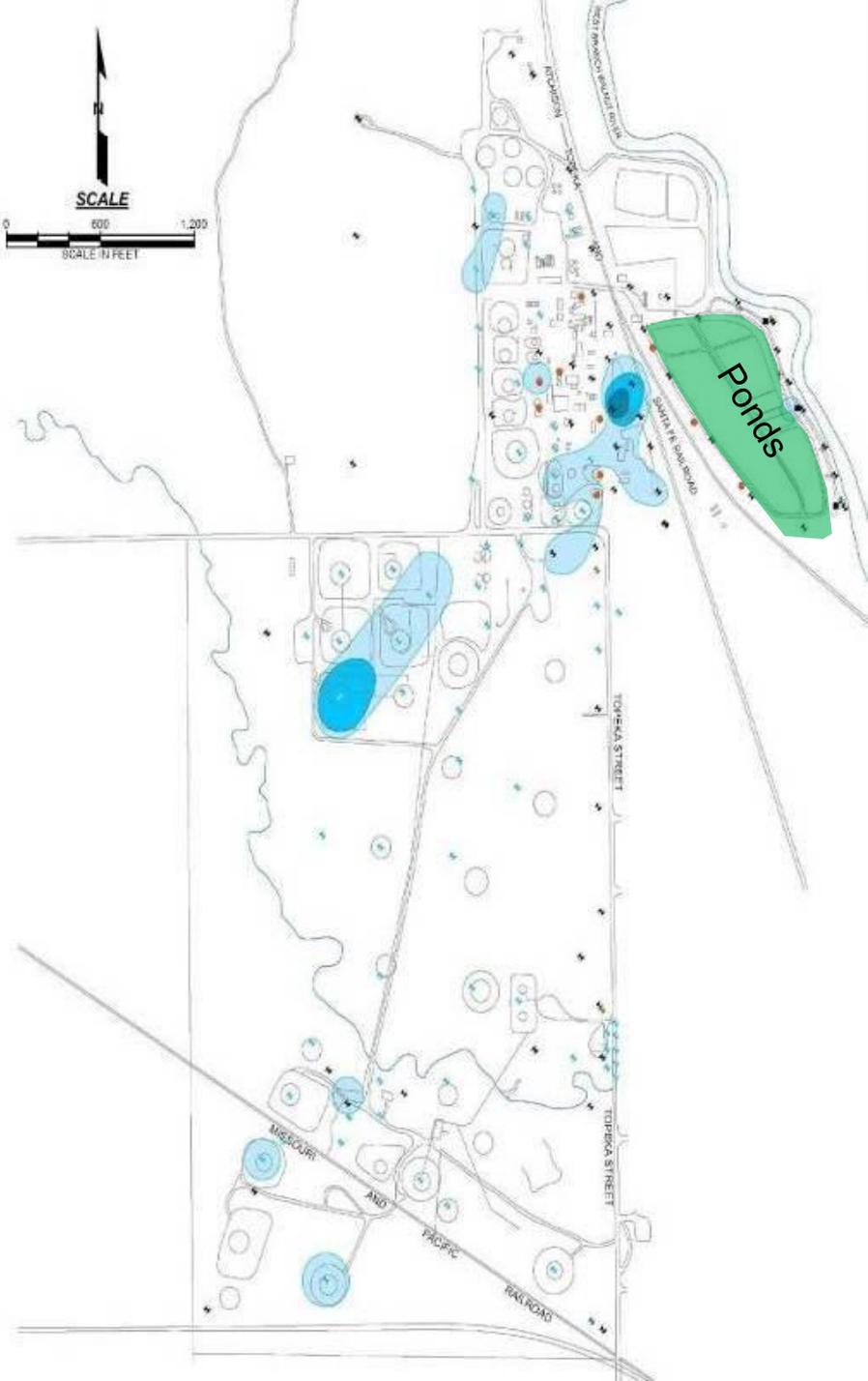
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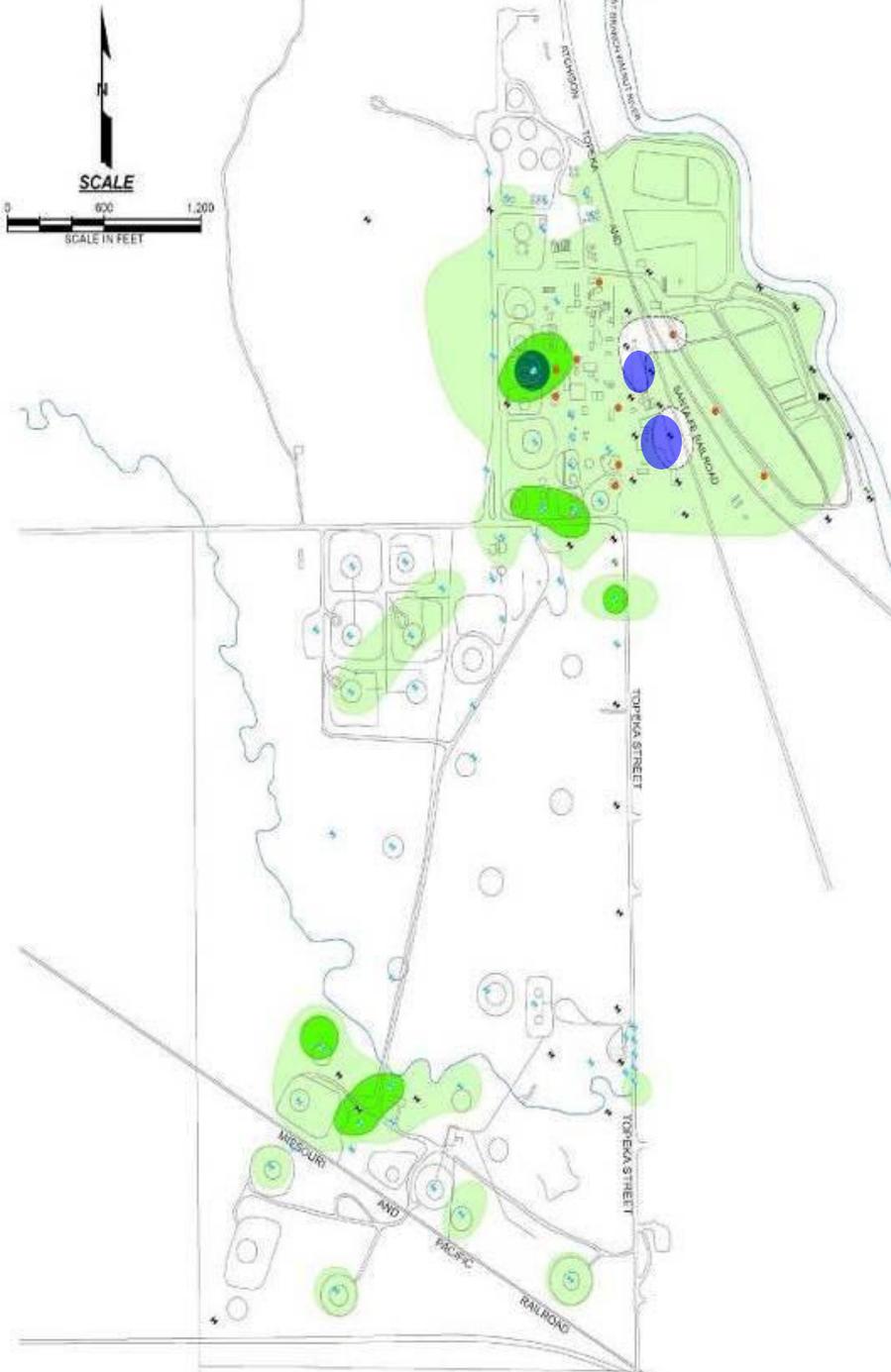
# LNAPL

**SHADED REGIONS:**

- LNAPL THICKNESS <0.01 FEET
- LNAPL THICKNESS 0.01-1 FEET
- LNAPL THICKNESS >1-5 FEET
- LNAPL THICKNESS >5 FEET

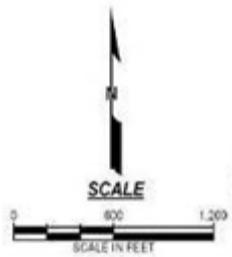


# Benzene



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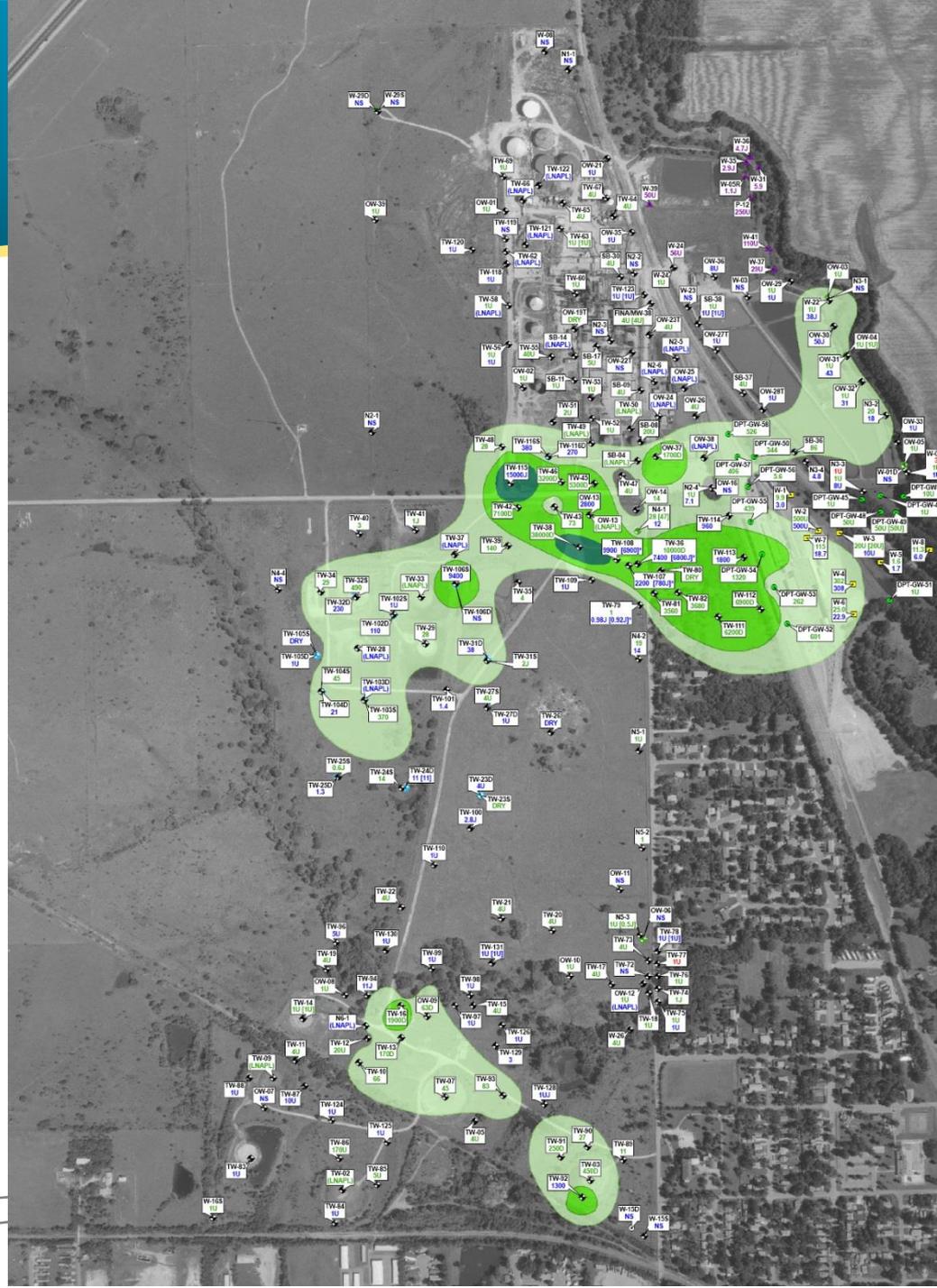
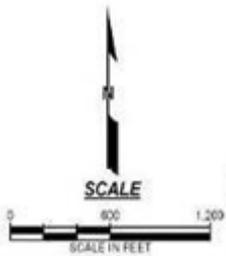
- BENZENE < 5 ug/L
- BENZENE 5 - 1,000 ug/L
- BENZENE 1,000 - 10,000 ug/L
- BENZENE > 10,000 ug/L



# MTBE

## SHADED REGIONS:

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- MTBE 20 - 1,000 ug/L
- MTBE >1,000 - 10,000 ug/L
- MTBE >10,000 ug/L



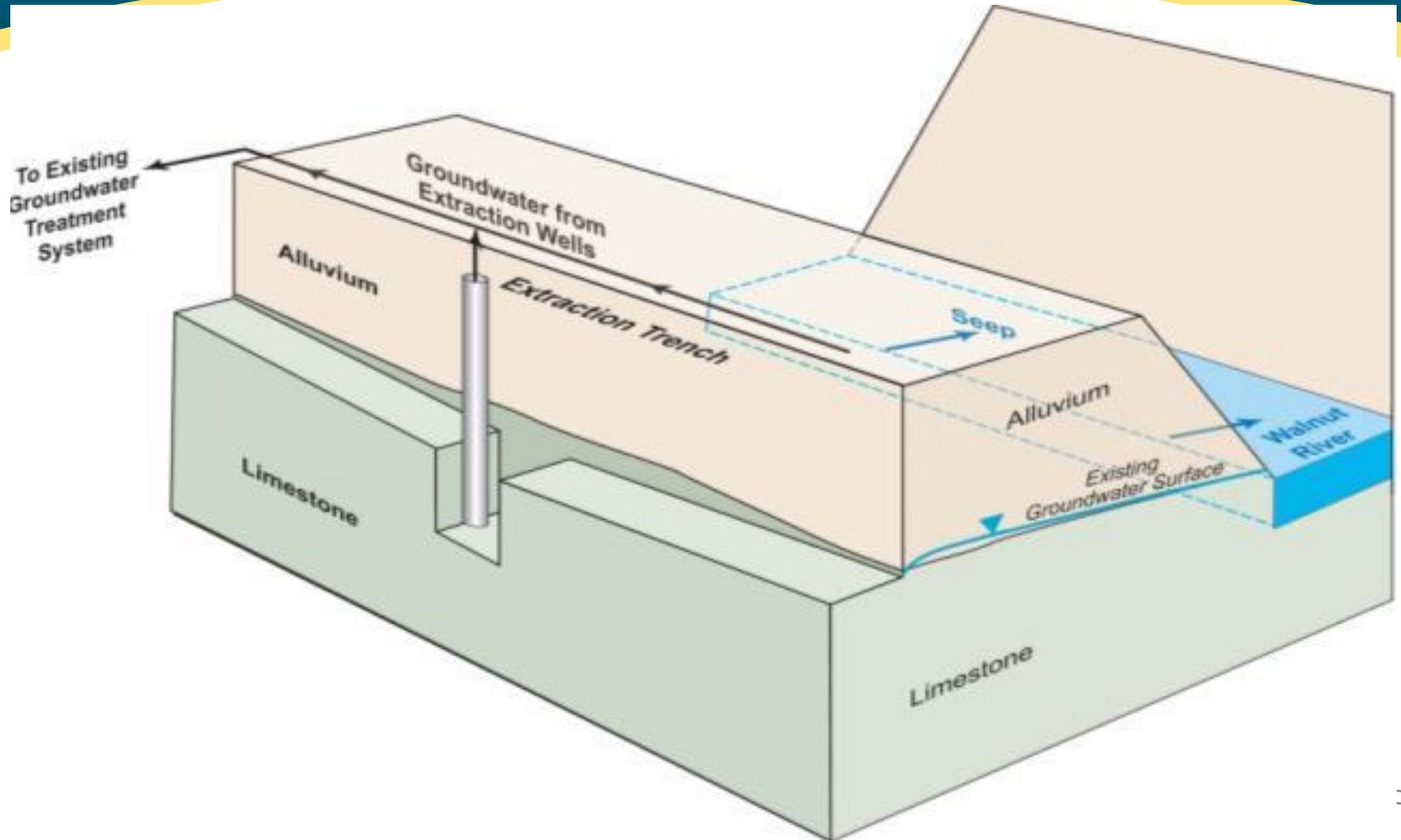


2006

# Seep Interceptor Trench (IT)



# Seep IT Conceptual Approach



# Seep Interceptor Trench





# Plan was Progressing When In 2008 KDHE BOW Required Pond Closure by End of 2012

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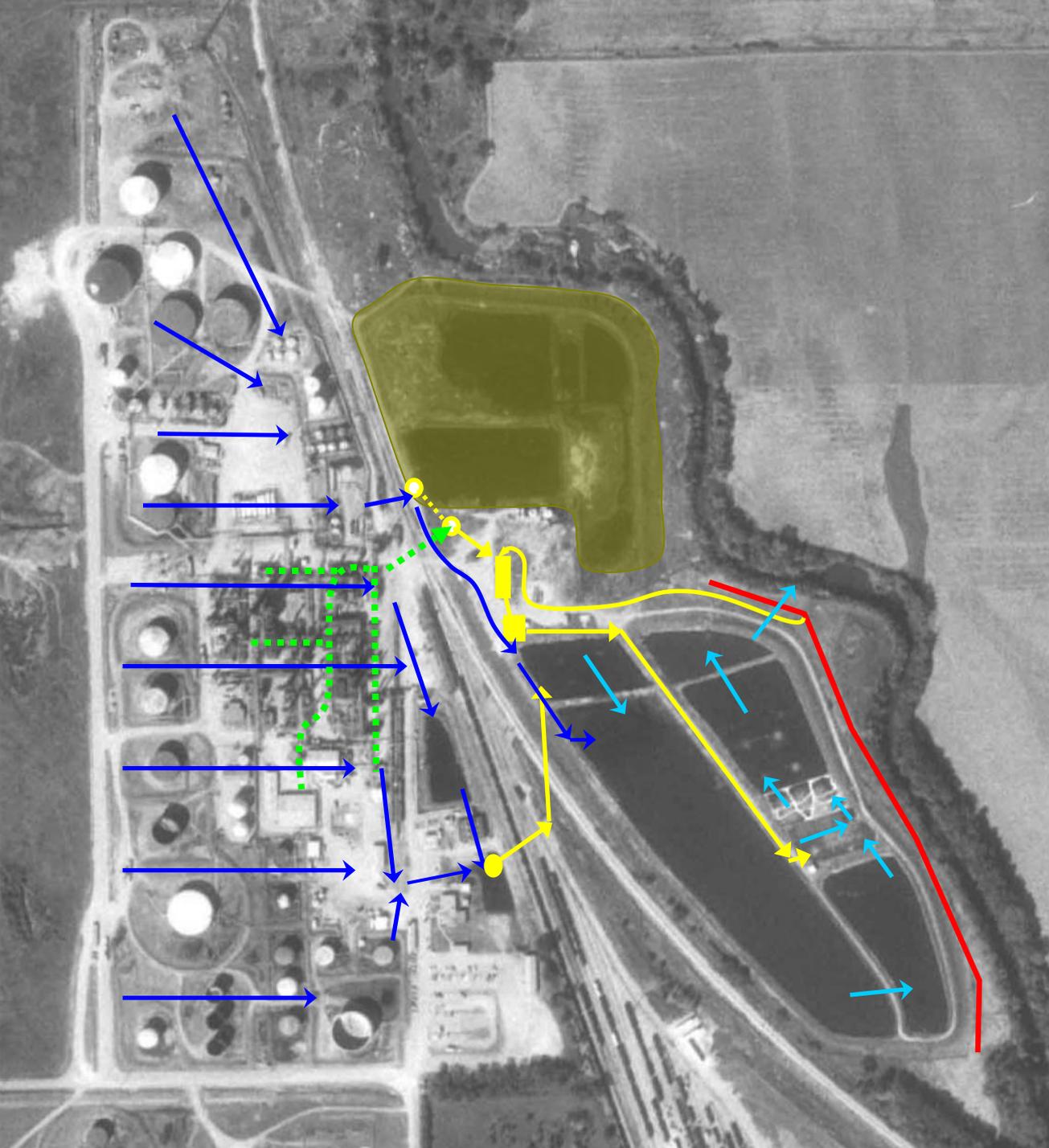


**Pester Ponds  
Already Closed**

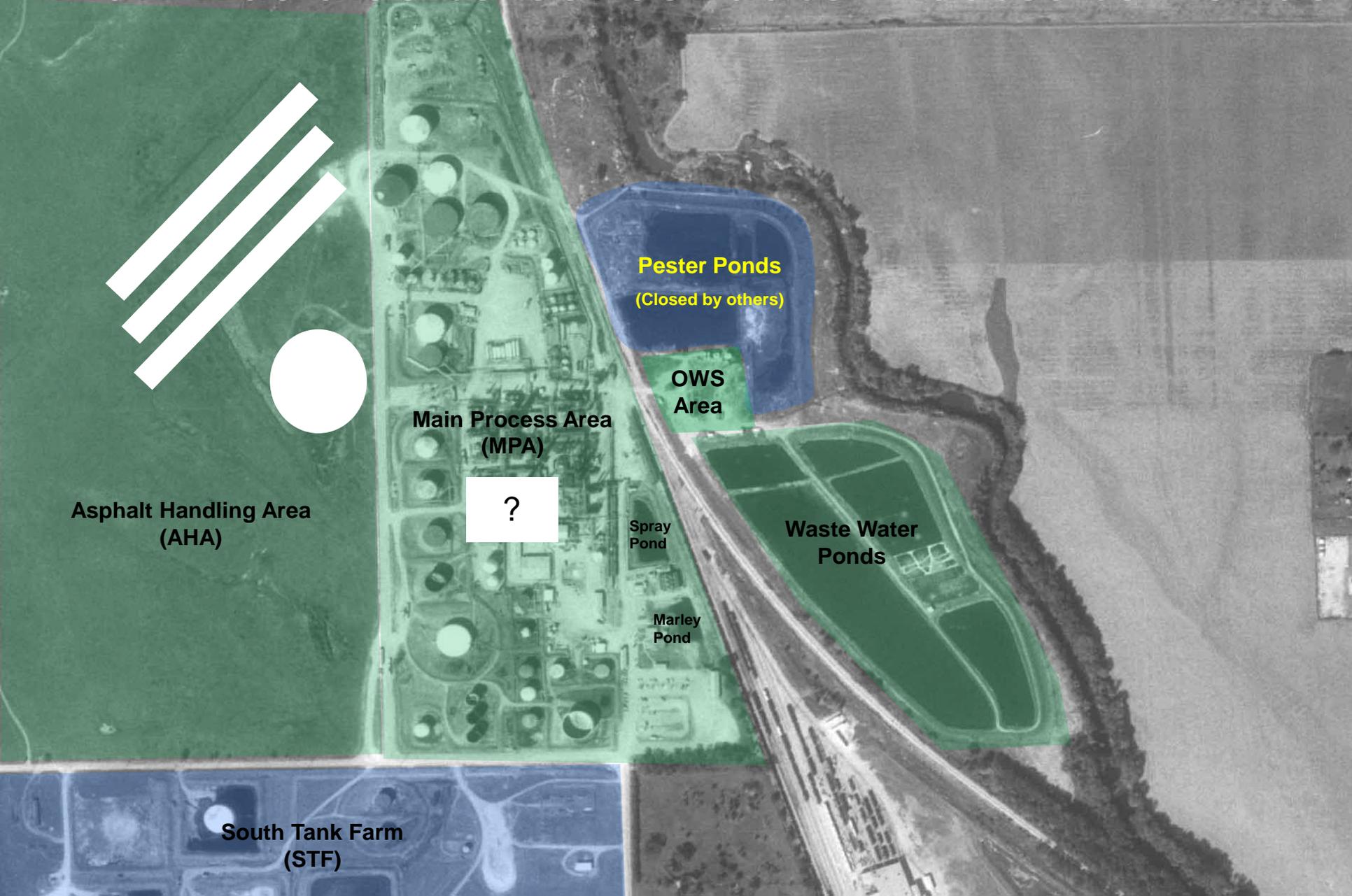
**Water  
Treatment  
Ponds**

# Waste Water Pond Use

- Surface Water
- Pumped / Pipe
- Pond
- Process Sewers
- Interceptor Trench



# Plan was also to Consolidate Wastes to Ponds



Asphalt Handling Area  
(AHA)

Main Process Area  
(MPA)

Pester Ponds  
(Closed by others)

OWS  
Area

Spray  
Pond

Marley  
Pond

Waste Water  
Ponds

South Tank Farm  
(STF)

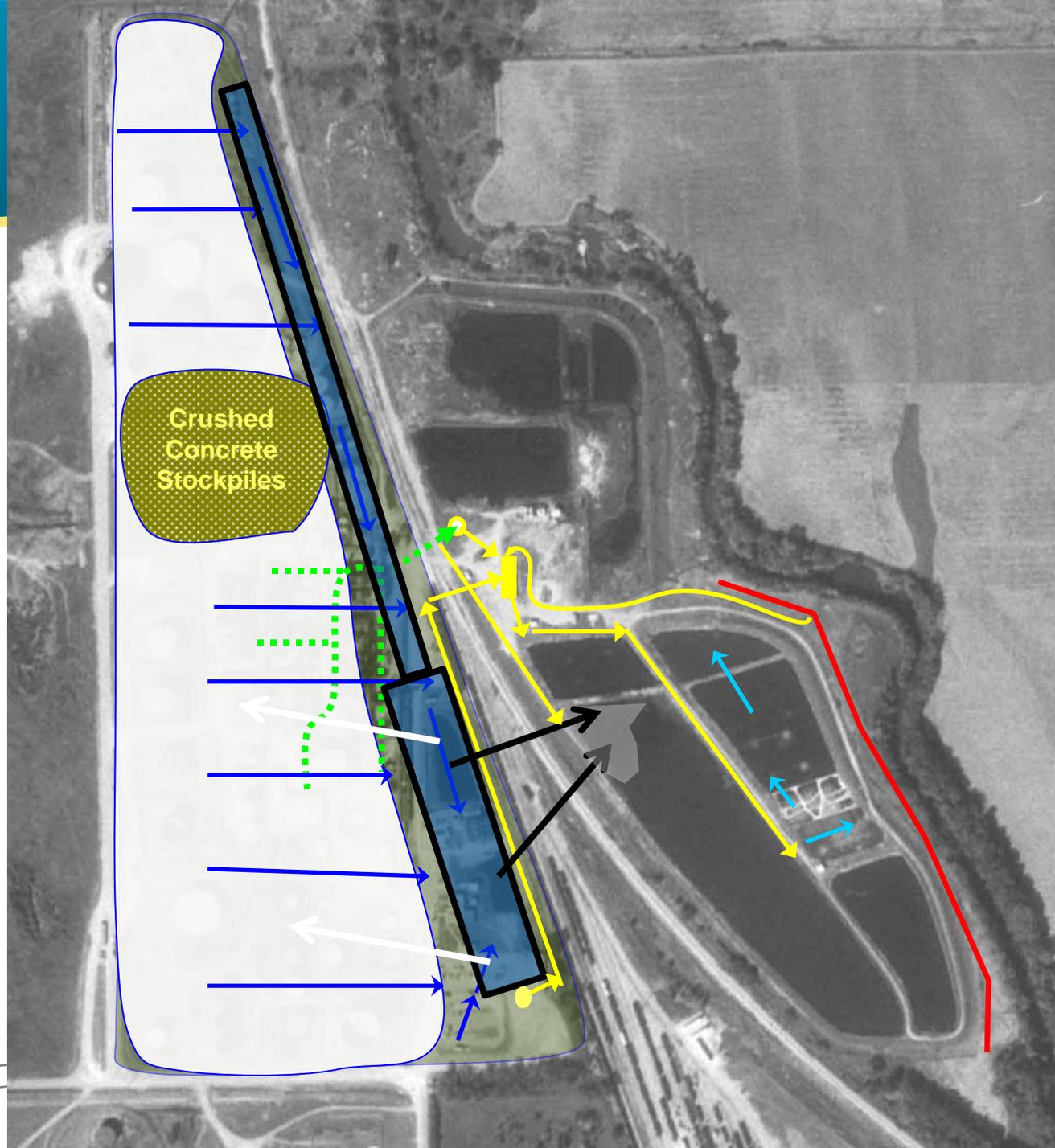
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**Strategy 2.0**  
**3-Years of Interim Remedial Measures**

# 2010

- 1. Plug Process Sewers, Stormwater Sewers and Firewater Piping & Grade for Stormwater Surface Flow**
- 2. Complete MPA Demolition:**
  - Remove Buildings
  - Concrete to 2-foot Depth
  - Wastes to West Pond
  - Consolidate Lead-Impact Soil
  - Grade to drain
- 3. Crush Concrete:** Stockpile for later use in Wetlands and Roads as Recycled Crushed Concrete (RCC)
- 4. Construct MPA Stormwater Channel and Basin**
  - Sediment to West Pond
  - Soil landfarmed 30,000 cy
  - Stormwater & Groundwater to East Ponds



# Concrete Demolition and Crushing



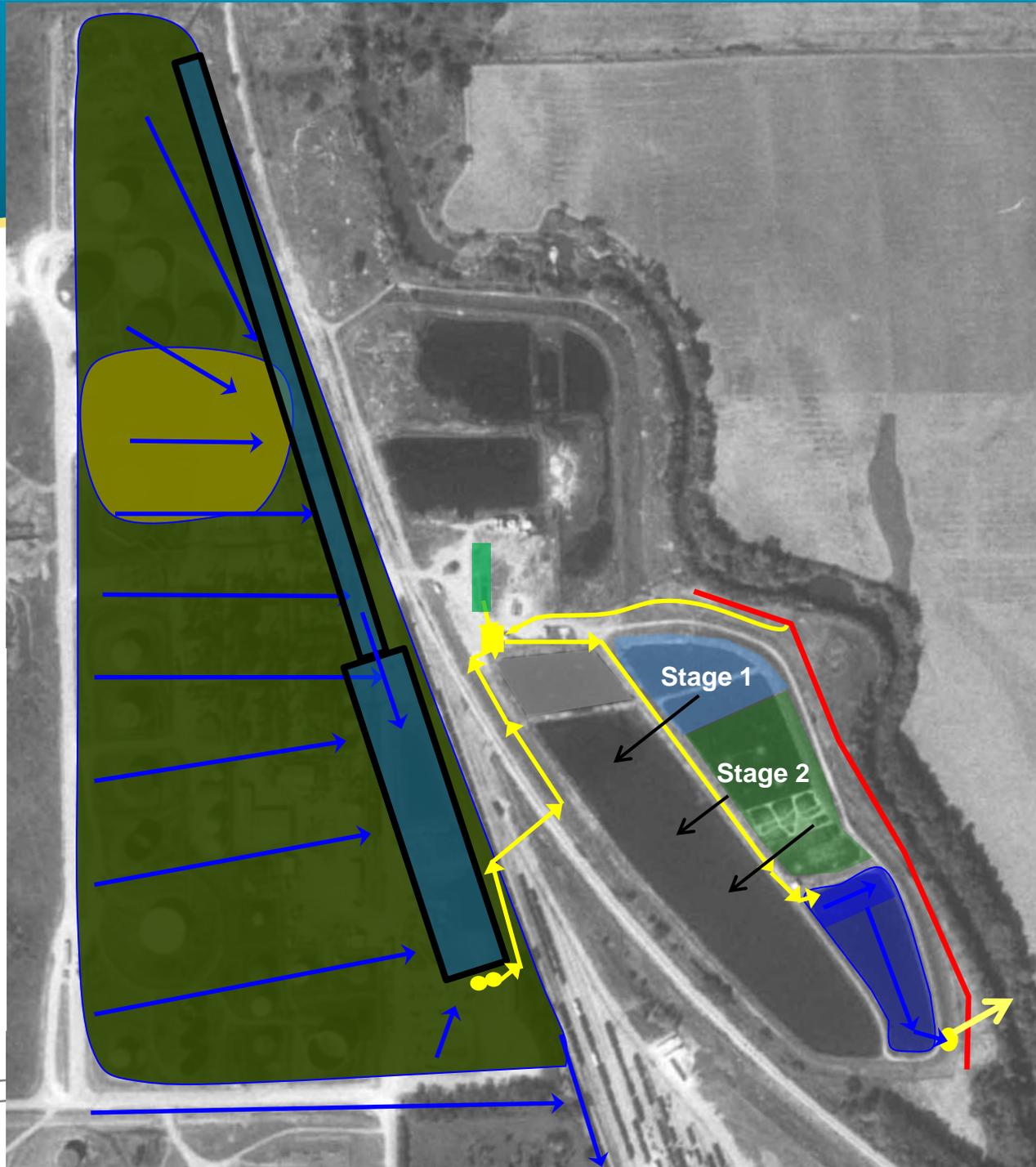
# MPA Basin & Recovery Trench Construction



# 2011

-  Surface Water
-  Pumped / Pipe
-  Pond
-  Interceptor Trench

1. Clean and Enhance SE Pond
2. Construction and Demolition (C&D) Material to NW Pond
3. Install new UOWS, Cascade Aerator, and Settling Basin
4. Construct Wetlands Stage 1 & 2 (Sludge to West Ox Pond)
5. Plant and Flood Wetlands



# NE Ponds Sediment Removal



# Demolition of NE Pond Structures



Late Summer 2011



# 2012

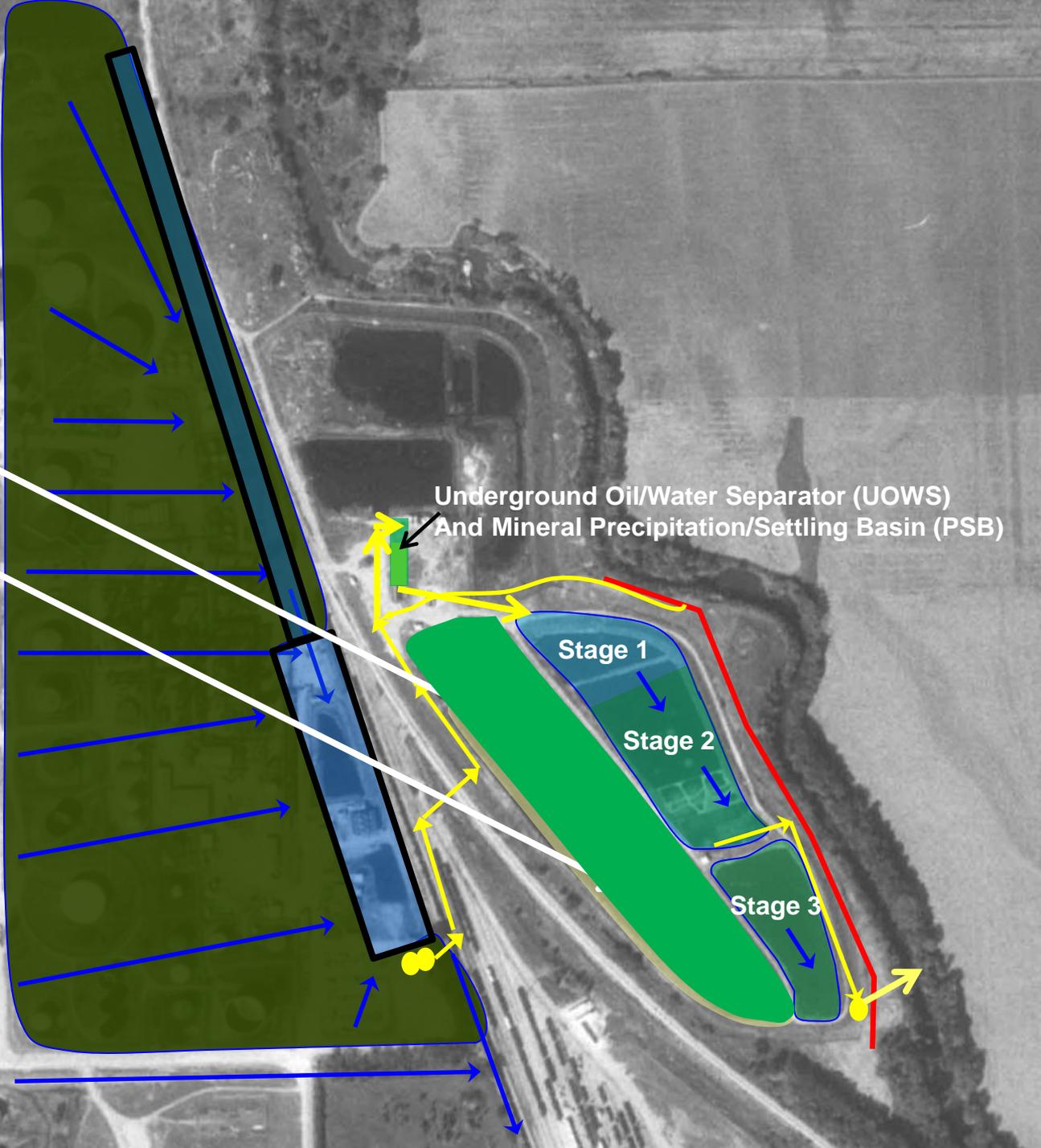
 Surface Water

 Pumped / Pipe

 Pond

 Interceptor Trench

1. Stabilize SW Pond Sediments
2. Place Asphalt Pit material in SW Pond and Stabilize
3. Move Stabilized Asphalt/Soil Piles to SW Pond
4. Construction Stage 3 Wetlands
5. Cap West Ponds



Underground Oil/Water Separator (UOWS)  
And Mineral Precipitation/Settling Basin (PSB)

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

April 2012



June 2012



# Pneumatic Off-loading Dust Control



**PC**  
700 tons  
1.5%  
5.0%

**FS**  
2,400 tons  
13.5%  
13.5%

Total  
Initial more soily mix  
For really goopy stuff + 25% AHA Material

# Stabilization: Excavator Mixing



# Stabilized Mix



25,000 cy of Sediment & 30,000 cy of Soily Waste (AHA & MPA) =  
55,000 bcy



# Asphalt Handling Area (AHA) Pit ~1986



# AHA Excavation



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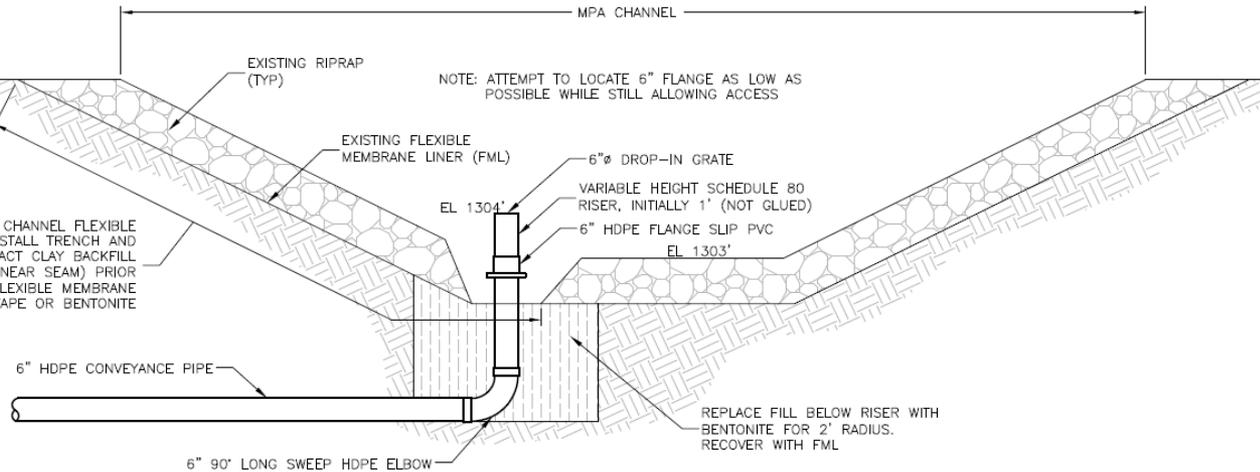
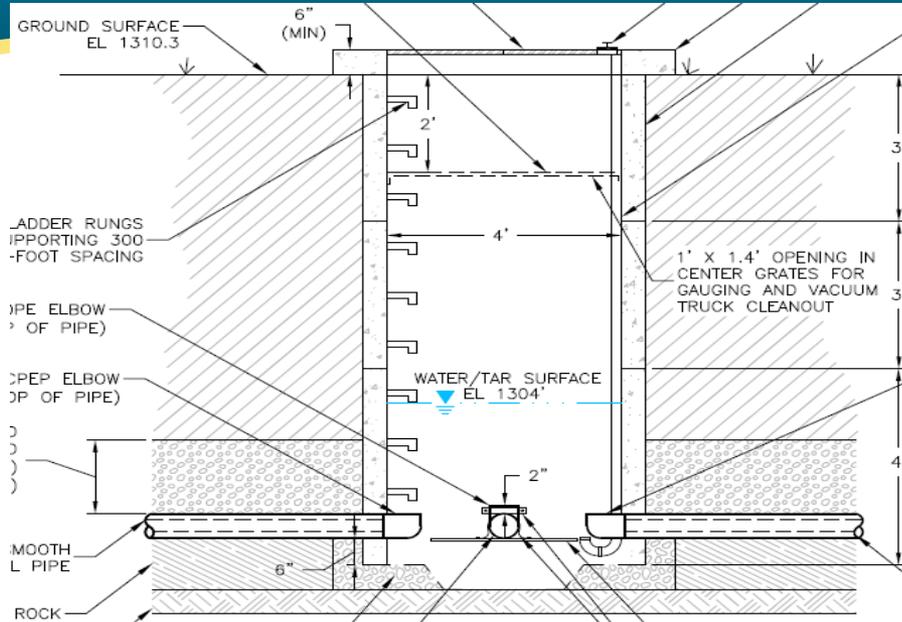
**MPA Spring**

# Lesson Learned: It's Hard to Plug a Spring

- You may be able to short-term, but water will find a way and we should have planned on it.
  - After a dry 2011, MPA Spring (cat cracker footing) reappeared in Spring 2012
  - What do you do with a “forever” but intermittent spring with 0.96 SG tar globules & dissolved-phase?



# MPA Tar Spring Sump and Conveyance



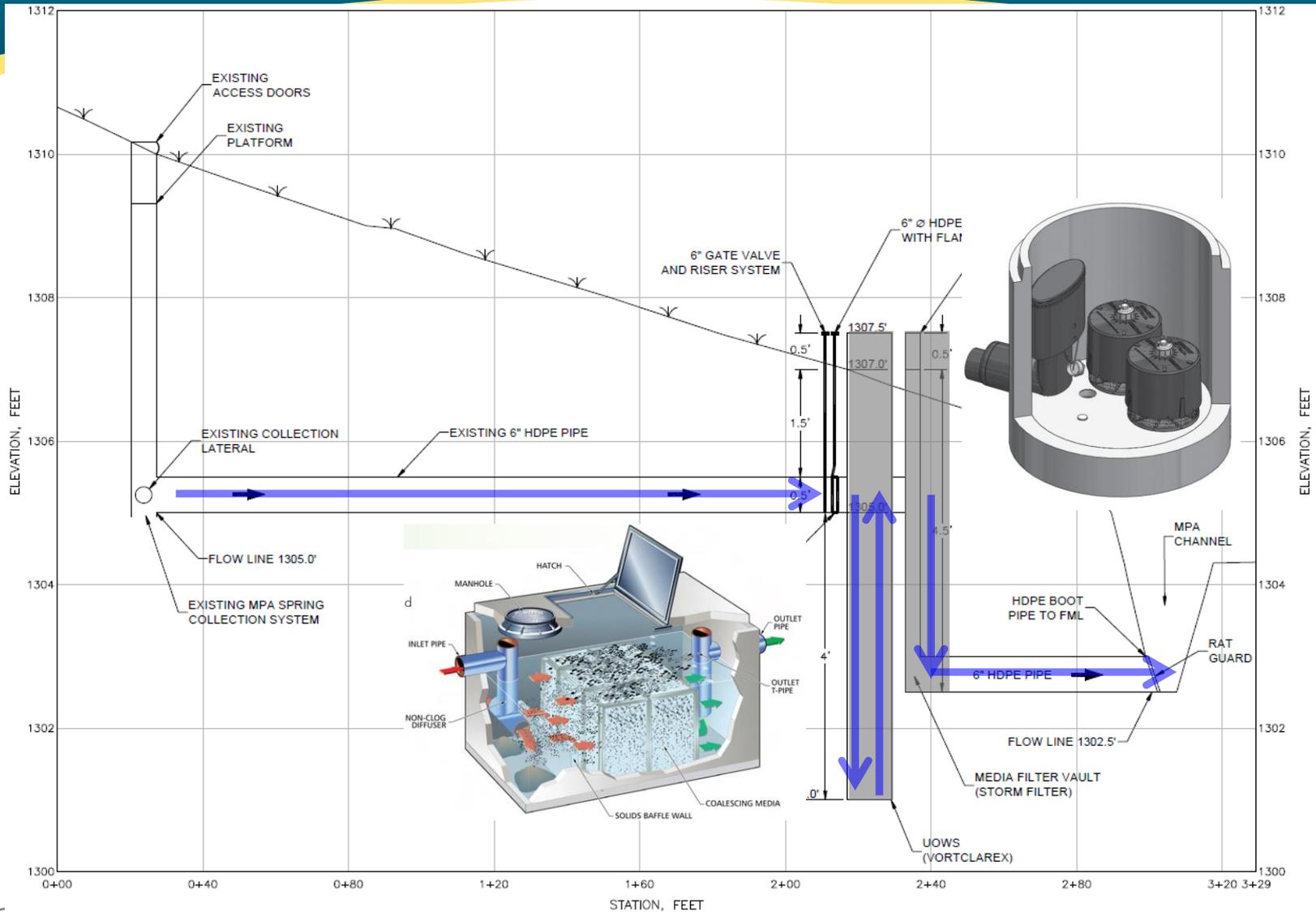
# Spring Didn't Flow Until Spring of 2013



# Tiny Tar Specs



# Contingency Spring UOWS and GAC/OCM



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# Site Tour

# Wetland UOWS and Cascade Aerator



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# Cap Slope Into Wetlands



06.07.2013 09:21

# Stage 2 (2012)



# Stage 3



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MPA



06.07.2013 10:27

# MPA Basin



AHA

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# Wetland-Based Water Treatment System

UOWS  
CA  
PSB

20-60 gpm

Stage 1

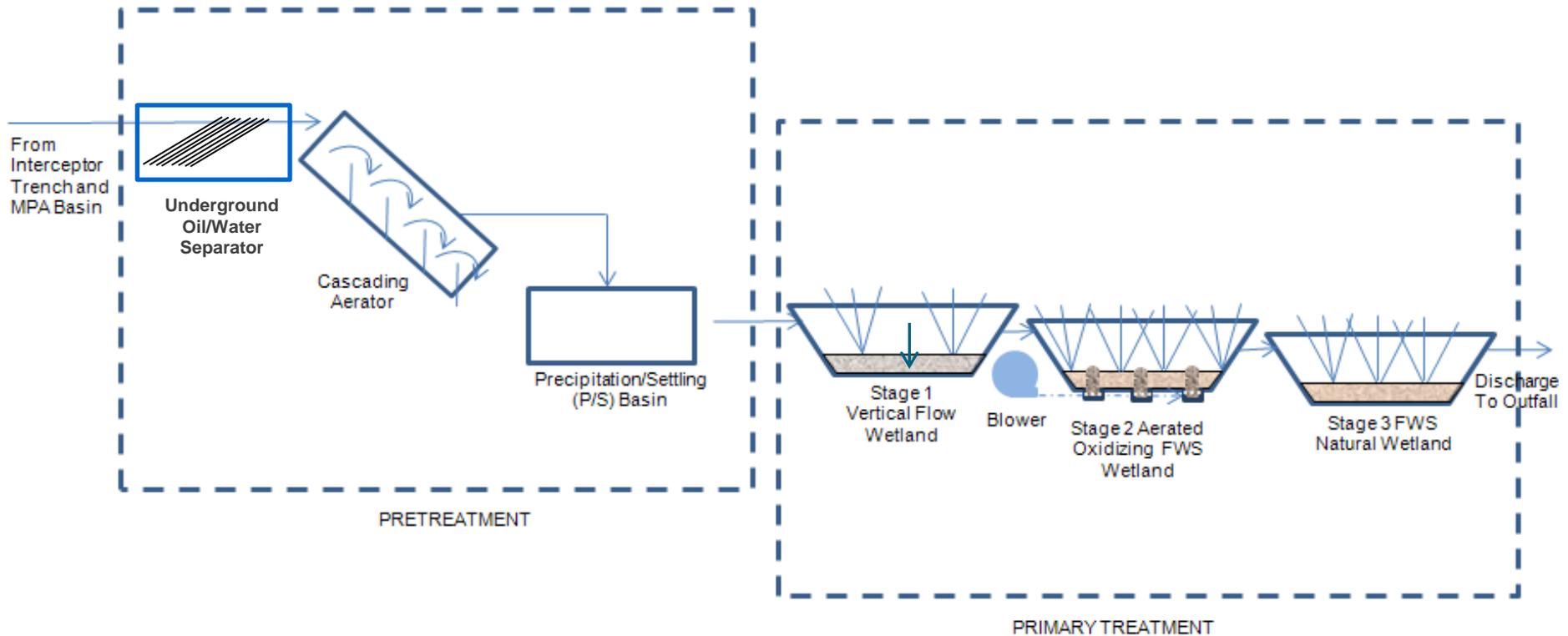
Stage 2

Stage 3

# Why Wetlands?

- Duration
  - Long-Term Groundwater Treatment Need
- Desirable
  - Low Energy (Green)
  - Low O&M (Cost)
  - Reliable/Robust (Not Easily or Quickly Upset)
- Site-Specific Factors
  - Low-Lying Land Not Likely to be Redeveloped
  - Existing Ponds Could be Cut Down to Size
  - Gravity Flow Possible
  - Lots of “Waste Concrete” Could be Recycled

# Gravity Flow Schematic



Concept by Naturally Wallace Consulting, LLC



# UOWS, Cascade Aerators, Settling Basin



# Wetland Treatment Processes

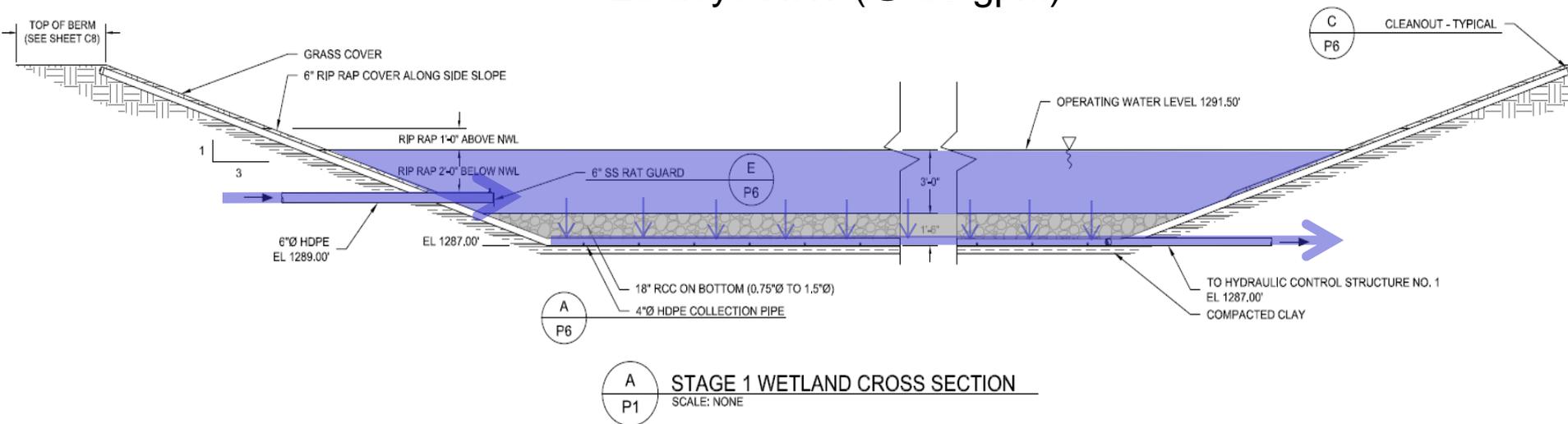
- Volatilization 
- Biodegradation – Pond/Aqueous Phase 
- Sorption to Soil/Plants with Subsequent... 
- Phytoremediation processes including 
  - **Phytosequestration:** Immobilizing compounds (e.g., metals) in the rhizosphere
  - **Rhizodegradation:** Biodegradation of contaminants in the rhizosphere
  - **Phytoextraction:** Contaminants taken up into the plant matter
  - **Phytodegradation:** Degradation that occurs as part of photosynthetic processes
  - **Phytovolatilization:** Contaminants taken up and transpired (e.g., volatilized)

 Summer

 Winter

# Stage 1 Cross-Section

1,400,000 gallons  
20 days HRT (@ 50 gpm)

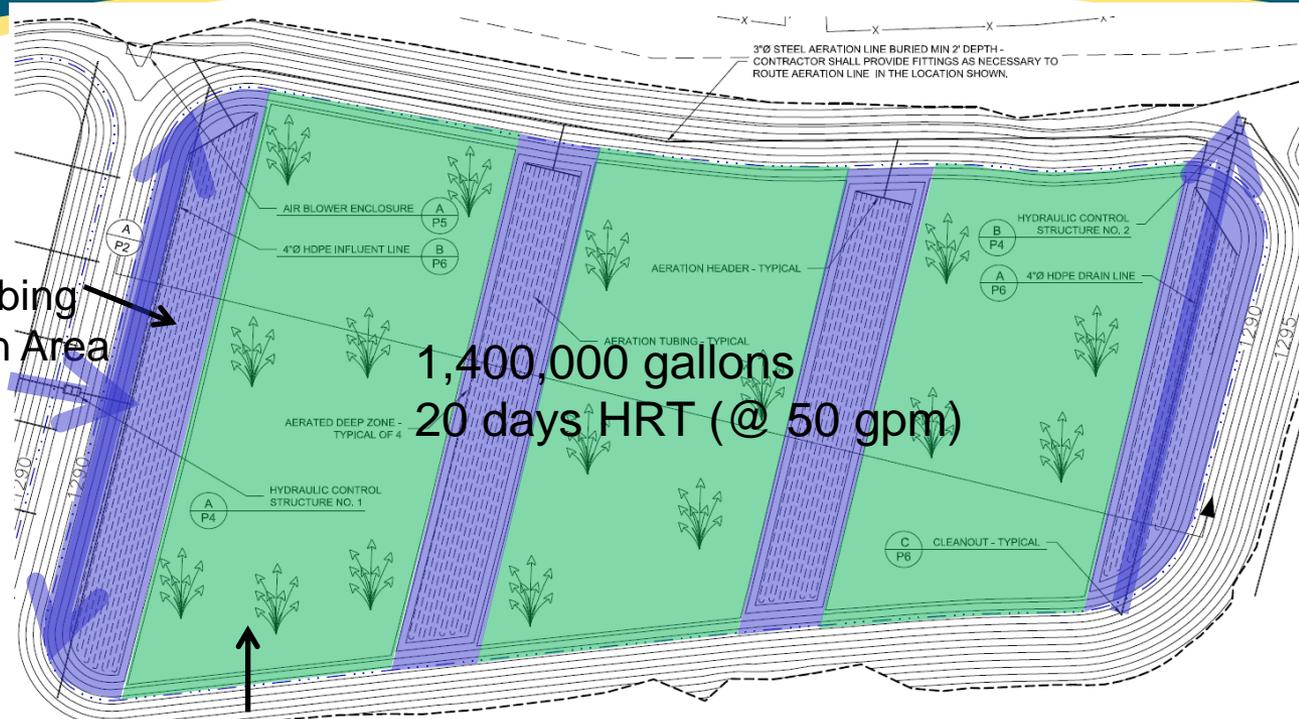


## Contingency Anaerobic (in the absence of oxygen)

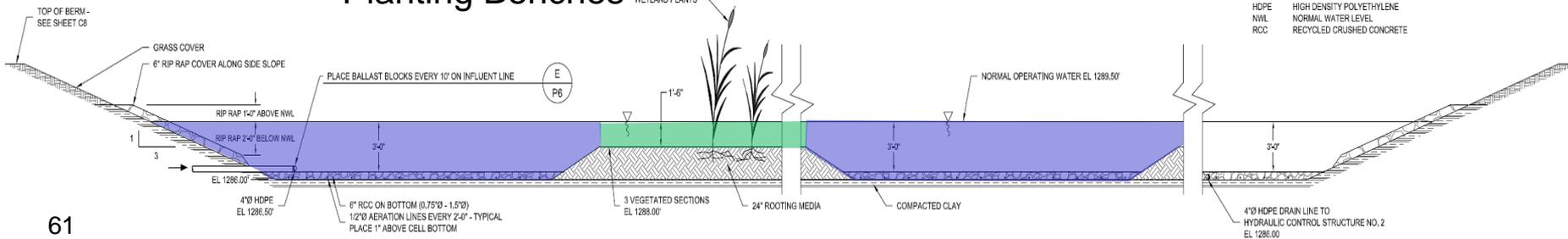
- Organic mulch layer with plants could be installed, but
- CVOCs have been sufficiently low to not require

# Stage 2

Aeration Tubing  
Equalization Area

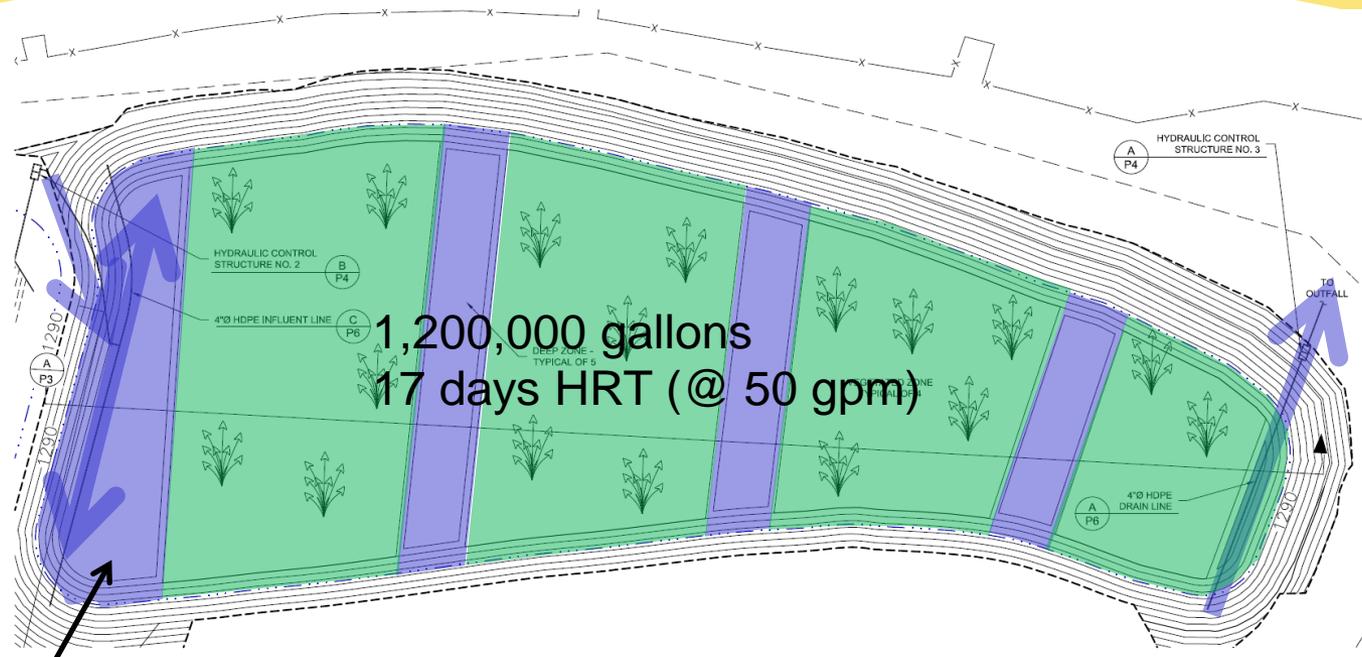


Planting Benches

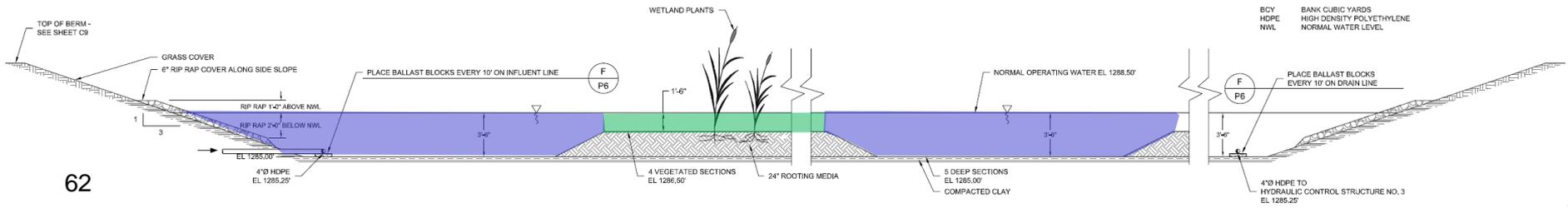


- BCY BANK CUBIC YARDS
- HDPE HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE
- NWL NORMAL WATER LEVEL
- RCC RECYCLED CRUSHED CONCRETE

# Stage 3



No Aeration Tubing



# Stage 1 and 2 Wetland Construction



# Stage 2 Wetland Planting

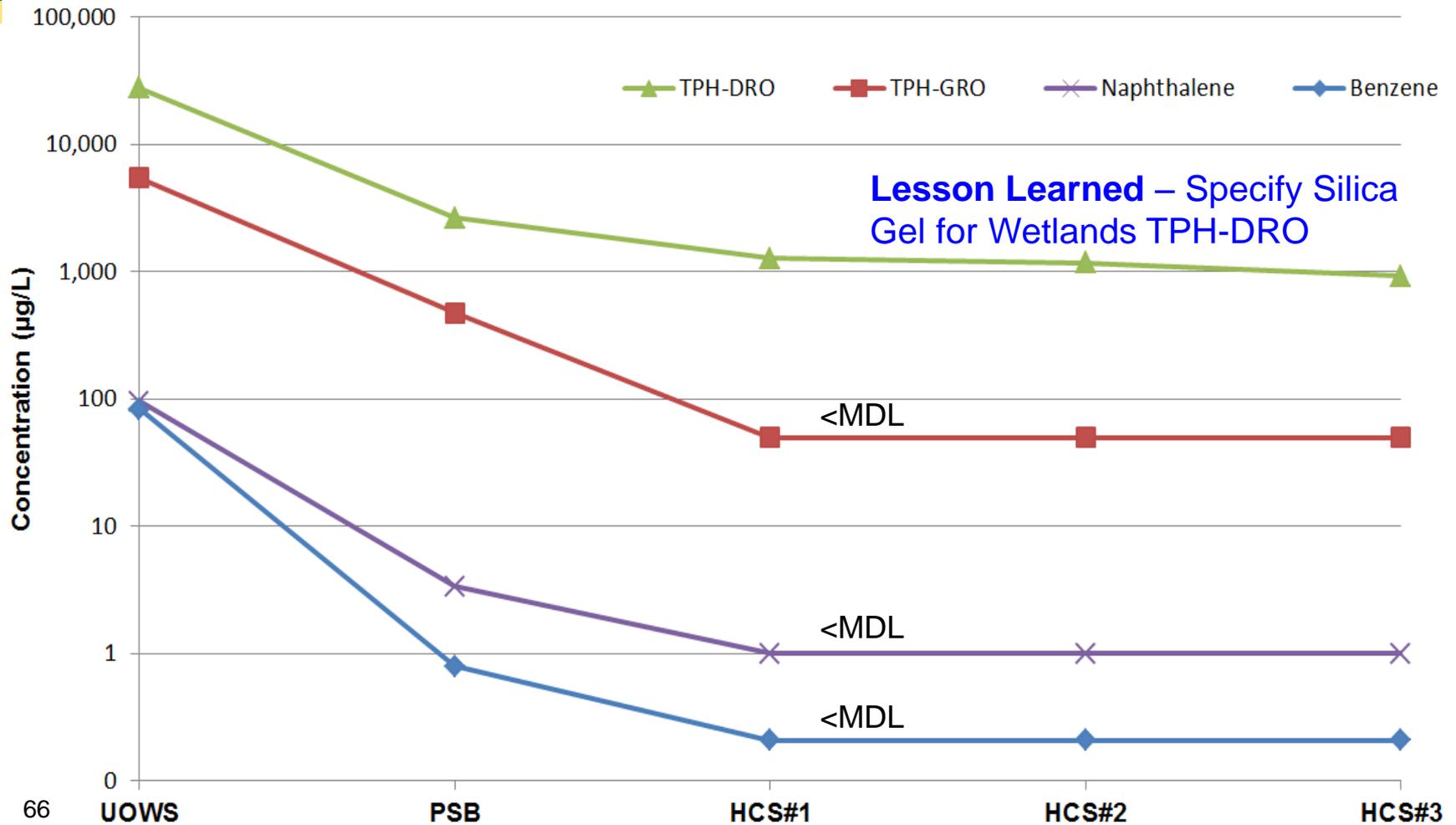


# Only Mechanical Component *other than 4 extraction well pumps*



# System Performance

February 27, 2013





**Muskrats and Water Treatment Wetlands**  
**Lessons Learned *(If Time Permits)***



# Early June 2014: Stage 3



# August 2014: What Happened?



# Muskrats (*Ondatra zibethicus*) in treatment wetlands

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## ABSTRACT

Muskrat grazing can change treatment wetlands from being densely vegetated to a patchwork of open and emergent areas. Muskrats consume a portion of the annual net primary productivity, primarily rhizomes, but their mounds represent a greater share of this production. Densities of **20 or more animals per ha** have been found, which can destroy the majority of the macrophyte standing crop in a given year. At such an exacerbated scale, muskrat herbivory may be termed as an **"eatout," and is evidenced by the removal of essentially all emergent plant parts.** Destruction of the wetland vegetative infrastructure may create an attendant loss of some water quality functions, but may not harm others. The integrity of berms may be threatened by burrowing. Impacts on wetland hydraulics are also possible. In all cases, loss of the emergent vegetation has been viewed with dismay by owners, wetland practitioners, regulators and the general public. Several case histories are reviewed to illustrate the breadth and severity of muskrat damage. Muskrat control is given scant attention in existing treatment wetland literature, which provides very limited information on potential muskrat problems, or on the means to control them. Controls include trapping, shooting, poisoning, hazing, and exclusion in order to protect the wetland from excessive vegetation destruction by these rodents. This paper summarizes available muskrat controls, as well as their effectiveness. While many of these approaches have had a limited effect on deterring these industrious creatures, there are some methods that have proven to be effective over the long run and should be considered in wetland design.

# O&M Guy Becomes A Fur-Harvester

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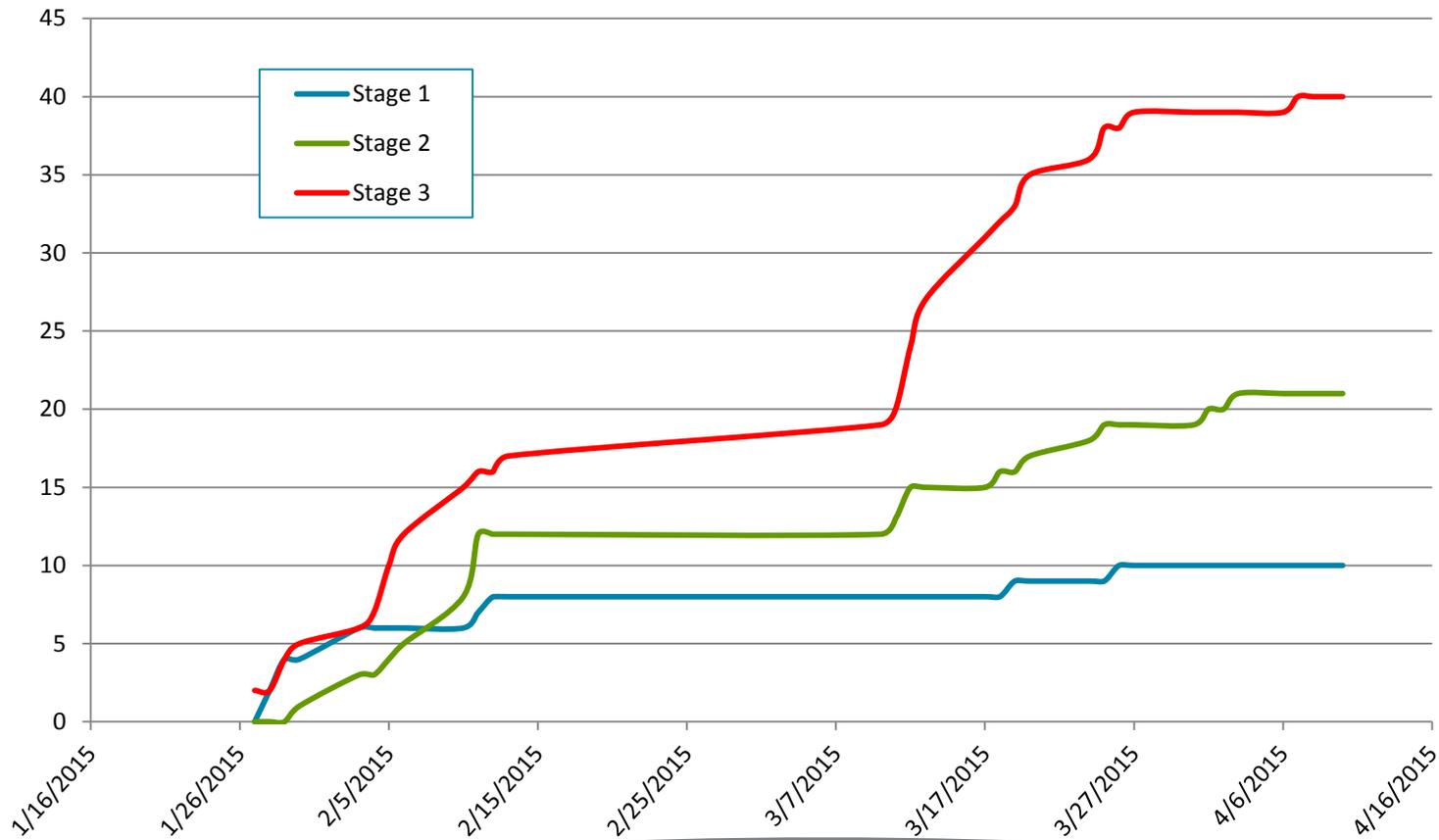
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# Cleaner Water = More Muskrats (not dumb)

## Wetlands Muskrats Caught



# Future Plans

## **Corrective Action Study (CAS) Proposes:**

- Phytoremediation for Main Process Area (MPA)
- 2 additional Interceptor Trenches (ITs) for STF plume
- LNAPL gauging/skimming with Transmissivity (T) & Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD)
- Long Term Monitoring (LTM) & Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)
- Environmental Use Controls (EUCs) & Soil-Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

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